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PURCHASE OF TOBACCO BY STC
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of tobacco purchased by the State Trading Corporation (STC) in different parts of the country during each of the last three years, till date, State-wise;

(b) the quantity out of this procured tobacco has since been off-loaded;

(c) the price at which the tobacco has been purchased by STC and the price at which it has been sold; and

(d) the present stock of tobacco with the STC and how STC proposes to sell this?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Flue Cured Virginia tobacco is sold at auction platforms in accordance with the Tobacco Board Act, 1975 in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka only. Purchases made by State Trading Corporation in the last 3 years till date are :

Year	Quantity purchased (M.Kgs.)	
	Andhra Pradesh Auction	Karnataka Auction
2000-2001	(Till 21.8.2000) 5.724	Nil
1999-2000	4.764	Nil
1998-1999	Nil	Nil
1997-1998	Nil	Nil

(b) A quantity of 0.74 M. Kgs of bi-products from the 1999 crop has been sold so far.

(c) STC`s average purchase price for the 1999 crop was Rs. 30.32 per kg and for the 2000 crop it works out to Rs. 37.61 per kg so far. Only 0.74 M. Kgs of bi-products was sold for Rs. 38 lakhs.

(d) The present stock of tobacco with STC is as follows :-

- 3.428 M. Kgs (processed) of 1999 crop.
- 5.724 M. Kgs (raw tobacco) of 2000 crop.

In consonance with the STC`s commercial interests the stocks are for sale in the domestic market and the international market in the raw or processed forms.